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Fig. 1.

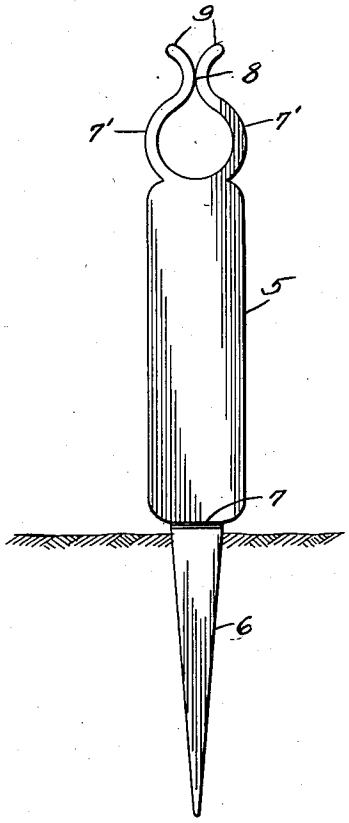


Fig. 2.

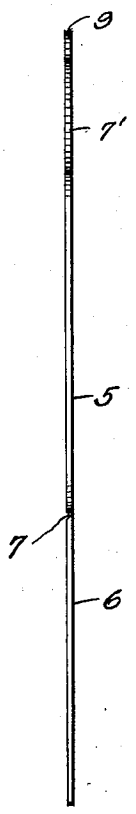
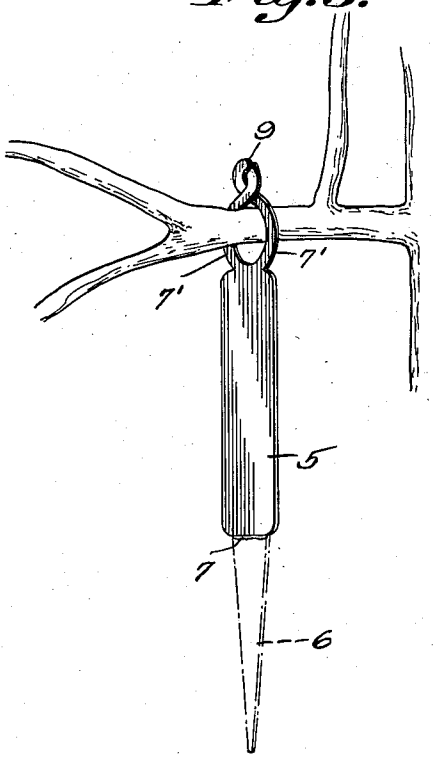


Fig. 3.



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This invention relates to a label designed for use in labeling trees, plants, shrubbery or the like, the primary object of the invention being to provide a label, constructed of plastic material, and having means whereby the label may be securely clamped around a branch of a bush, plant, tree or the like to secure the label thereto against accidental displacement.

An important object of the invention is to provide a label of this character which is provided with a pointed end, whereby the label may be readily and easily forced into the ground surface adjacent to a plant or bush, identifying the particular plant or bush.

A further object of the invention is to provide a label having a pair of yieldable fingers extending from one end thereof, the yieldable fingers being so constructed that they may be interlocked around a branch of the plant, tree or bush being marked, the interlocked fingers being readily releasable to permit the label to be removed.

With the foregoing and other objects in view which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention consists of certain novel details of construction and combinations of parts hereinafter more fully described and pointed out in the claim, it being understood that changes may be made in the construction and arrangement of parts without departing from the spirit of the invention as claimed.

Referring to the drawing

Figure 1 is an elevational view illustrating the label as forced into the ground surface labeling a growing plant, tree, bush or the like.

Fig. 2 is an edge elevational view thereof.

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the label, showing the interlocking fingers at one end of the label as positioned around a branch of a plant, tree or bush labeled by the device.

Referring to the drawing in detail, the label comprises the body portion 5 constructed of plastic material, the body portion being of a width to permit desirable printed matter to be placed thereon providing a label for the particular type of plant, tree or bush to be labeled with the device.

Extending from one end of the body portion, is the prong 6 which is separated from the body by a groove 7 so that by bending the prong 6, the prong may be broken and removed from the body portion.

At the opposite end of the body portion, are

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curved fingers 7', which curved fingers are curved towards each other where they contact, as at 8, the ends of the fingers 7' being curved outwardly at 9, providing curved inner surfaces to permit the fingers to be pressed against a branch of a plant or tree to be marked, causing the fingers to spread laterally, the fingers gripping the branch.

After the fingers have been positioned around the branch, the fingers are interlocked in a manner as shown by Fig. 3 of the drawing, securely fastening the label on the branch, against accidental displacement, but at the same time providing means whereby the interlocked fingers may be disengaged, releasing the label, when it is desired to remove the label from the branch.

It will of course be understood that the body portion of the device together with the fingers, will be constructed of plastic material of a semi-rigid character, so that bending of the fingers 7', to interlock the fingers, will be permitted.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is:

A removable label comprising a length of semi-rigid material formed into a substantially wide body portion, curved fingers extending from one end of the body forming an integral part of the body portion, said fingers being curved outwardly from the body portion with the ends thereof being formed into hooks adapted to be hooked together around a branch of a plant to be labeled, the inner surfaces of said fingers providing an unbroken circular branch or plant-engaging surface.

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